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1. FOLLOWING FYI IS TEXT OF QUEEN'S REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT
DELIVERED TO THE WHITE HOUSE JUNE 24. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR.
PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 27TH MAY INVITING
ME AND MY HUSBAND TO PAY A STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES
FROM 7TH TO 11TH JULY, 1976, ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR
COUNTRY'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS. WE WERE DELIGHTED TO
RECEIVE THIS KIND INVITATION WHICH WE GLADLY ACCEPT.

WE LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO MEETING YOU AND MRS. FORD
AND, WITH HAPPY MEMORIES OF PREVIOUS VISITS TO THE UNITED
STATES, WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE MORE OF YOUR COUNTRY
AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR VISIT WILL
HELP TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES.

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WITH CORDIAL GOOD WISHES. YOUR SINCERE FRIEND, ELIZABETH R.

END TEXT.

2. WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT

JUNE 27. BEGIN TEXT: THE PRESIDENT HAS INVITED HER
MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TO
PAY A STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES FROM JULY 7 - 11,
1976, DURING THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR, AND THE INVITATION HAS
BEEN ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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